with the aid of power, 50 or more workers, or for manufacturing without aid of the power, 100 or more workers, are working or were working on any day during the preceding 12 months. No case of manufacture of cigarettes in violation of the provisions of the aforesaid Act has come to the notice of the Government. Bidi is not a scheduled industry under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 and, therefore, the provisions relating to licensing under the said Act are not applicable.

Export Credit Guarantee Corporation

1009. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise the capital of Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) from Rs. 500 crore to Rs. 800 crore; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN) : (a) and (b) Government have already decided to raise the capital base of Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Ltd. (ECGC) from Rs. 500 crore to Rs. 800 crore over the Tenth Five Year Plan period. Out of Rs. 300 crore, Rs. 100 crore have been approved for release during the current financial year.

Export target

1010. SHRI S. M. LALJAN BASHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have export target of US $ 150 billion for the financial year 2009-10;

(b) if so, the basis of this export target set by Government;

(c) whether Government have made any plans for increasing rice exports during the next five years;

(d) whether any specific plan has been drawn up for agricultural exports; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?